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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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The Honorable John Block
Secretary of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture Building
Washington, D. C. 20205

Dear Secretary Block:

I have issued an Emergency Declaration for Clay County, South Dakota, due to excessive moisture conditions which have existed since the winter of 1982-83, and abnormal spring rainfall continuing through the month of June, 1983.

As a result of these conditions, there has been considerable flooding and flood water damage throughout the county. This, in turn, has created extensive crop loss, fence damage, and soil erosion. The relatively low drainage profile has further compounded the situation by retaining sizeable amounts of water on crop and pasture lands.

Citizens of Clay County have experienced similar conditions and hardships, but not as severe as they presently exist. Therefore, as Governor of South Dakota, I hereby request that you declare Clay County a disaster area and make available all possible agricultural assistance at a time when it would be most beneficial to producers to meet daily emergency and recovery needs.

Your expedient consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill

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